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Roadshow is back in LONDON

TERRY JINKLER
Canadian Collector Roadshow
Staff Writer

After very successful shows in Newmarket and Peterborough, the roadshow is now



Local Roadshow Expert
Examines Some Gold Jewellery

coming to London. So you had better search through your attics and garages, go through your lock boxes and jewellery, because you may be sitting on a small fortune and not even know it! Roadshow experts are here to examine all your antiques, collectibles, gold and silver.

During a show near Toronto, a woman came in with a jewellery box that she had just inherited from her late aunt. "I don't wear jewellery," explained Barbara Eyles. "so it was an easy decision to come down to the Roadshow to sell it". She was very excited when she was able to walk away with a cheque for over \$2,100 for jewellery she was never going to wear anyway.

Expert Elijah Gold explains, "We have noticed a substantial increase in the amount of precious metals such as gold and silver coming to the Roadshow, which makes sense considering how high it's currently trading at. He added, "The Roadshow is

great because it puts money in people's pockets, especially during such hard times. Lots of items that are just sitting around collecting dust in basements and jewellery boxes can be exchanged for money, on the spot!"

At another Roadshow event, a woman, named Mira Kovalechek, walked in with a tin full of hundreds of old coins that were given to her as a young child by her grandfather. She finally decided to come in to the Roadshow and see what he had given her. She was ecstatic to learn she had coins dating back to the late 1800s, some of which were extremely rare. Roadshow consultant Perry Bruce explains "We had uncovered an 1871 Queen Victoria 50 Cent piece, valued at over \$2,000!! She had a nice assortment of coins that were not rare dates, but she was able to sell them for their silver content". She explains, "I never would have thought that any old tin of coins was worth so much! I am finally

afford to renovate my kitchen". Perry Bruce continued, "Canadian coins prior to 1967, and American coins prior to 1964 are all made with silver, and we have noticed a large increase of customers coming to the Roadshow with coins and cashing them in for their silver value".

Experts at the Roadshow will evaluate and examine your items, FREE OF CHARGE, as well as advise you on them. The Roadshow sees hundreds of people during a one-week event, and they have been travelling across Canada to different cities and towns, searching for your forgotten treasures.

Trains, dolls, toys, old advertising signs, pocket watches, porcelain and bronze dolls, pretty much everything can be sold at the Roadshow. Any early edition Barbie's are sought after by the Roadshow collectors, as well as a variety of Dinky Toys and Matchbox cars, Lionel Trains and

a variety of tin toys can also fetch a price, especially if they are in their original box or in mint condition. If a collector is looking for one of your collectibles, they can always make an offer to buy it.

A man brought in a 1950s Marx Tin Toy Robot, in fairly good condition, still in its original box. They were able to locate a collector for that specific toy within minutes, and that gentleman went home with over \$700 for his Toy Robot and a few other small toys.

So whether you have an old toy car, a broken gold chain, or a Barbie sitting in the closet, bring it down to the Roadshow, they will take a look at it for FREE and it could put money in your pocket!

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Grand plan gets a boost

► Developer, theatre leaders see expansion potential after years of talks ► Residential tower also could be built



**ANGELA
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A London development company has jumped aboard a plan that could lead to a big expansion at the Grand Theatre.

Key to how far — and how quickly — the proposal moves will be whether city officials agree to a land deal. Since the Grand is constricted on three sides and unable to build upward, the only option for expanding the theatre (471 Richmond St.) is a parking lot owned by Sifton Development.

Stage plight

► The Grand Theatre is simply running out of room, executive director Deb Harvey said. But an addition to the nonprofit arts venue would do more than add a 400-seat theatre. It also could include a performing-arts centre for Orchestra London, she said.

The lot — with frontage on Dufferin Avenue — abuts the back of the building. Leaders of the arts venue have been eyeing it for years.

With no money to buy the lot in the Grand's coffers and Sifton hesitant to give up parking for its nearby office building, plans were at a standstill, said Deb Harvey, executive director of the theatre. "Without that parking lot, we really cannot expand," she said.

Now the ball's rolling again. Theatre officials and Sifton have approached the city with a proposal: They want control of a city parking lot on Queens Avenue, east

of the London Club. Richard Sifton, the development company president, said that would allow his firm to give the Grand its Dufferin lot without losing parking spaces.

This week, members of a city council committee forwarded a letter outlining the proposal to staff for review. Harvey said the idea — plus architectural renderings — has been pitched to Mayor Joe Fontana and other city leaders.

Things started to pick up steam

in the fall when a multimillion-dollar plan for downtown was unveiled, Harvey said.

With Fanshawe College developing its downtown arts campus and UWO considering a takeover of the block including Centennial Hall, it's a good time to put ideas on the table, Harvey said.

"We are one of many people presenting proposals to the city these days," she said. "We have to dream a little bit and plan for our city ... I think that is happening right now."

War comes home to London

Exile, which consists of more than 600 hand-sewn balls and took artist Anna Wieselgren more than 1,000 hours to complete, is part of the Front by Front exhibition now showing at Museum London (421 Ridout St. N.). The show explores the impact of armed conflict on communities and the ways people adapt and change in those environments. Six female Canadian artists contributed to the exhibition, which runs through March 18. For more, see Backstage Pass on page 9.



► London-based artist Anna Wieselgren sits with her sculpture Exile, which is on display at Museum London.

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Robbery suspect sought

Police are looking for a suspect after a bank was robbed in South London.

A lone male suspect walked into the TD Bank at Ernest Street and Bradley Avenue just before 11 a.m. Wednesday.

The suspect obtained an undisclosed amount of money and ran off. There was no weapon seen and there were no injuries.

Police say the suspect is about 25 to 30 years old, five-foot-eight and 200 pounds. He was wearing a black bomber jacket and a green scarf.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to call London police at 519-661-5670 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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Grow-op charges pending

Two people are facing charges after London police and RCMP uncovered a marijuana grow operation worth more than \$650,000.

Shortly after 11 a.m. Wednesday, members of the London police guns and drugs section executed a search warrant at 966 Silversmith St. Inside, officers discovered a sophisticated, multi-room grow-op with about 650 pot plants. Investigators say there was also a hydro bypass set up.

Charges are pending against a 53-year-old man and a 45-year-old woman, both from London.

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Jobs posted for Apple in London

There are more signs Masonville Place in London will soon be home to an Apple retail store.

As of Monday, job postings for an Apple store in London have surfaced on various employment websites advertising a start date of April 9. AM980/AM980.CA

Pickets hit the rails to block locomotive

► Canadian Auto Workers block Caterpillar-owned engine in Ingersoll yard
► OPP step in to clear the way, say no charges expected

DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS



► Brad Hughes, a Cami Automotive C.A.W. union member, pickets a site where an Electro-Motive, Caterpillar-made locomotive (hidden behind a boxcar) was on a side rail track, preventing it from being moved, in Ingersoll, Ont., Wednesday.



ANGELA MULLINS
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Bob Scott didn't hesitate to draw conclusions Wednesday about an unfinished Electro-Motive Diesel locomotive turning up in an Ingersoll rail yard.

It's proof, he said, of what workers at the London plant have been saying all along about parent company Caterpillar.

"Obviously, there was no intention to get a collective agreement," said Scott, chairman of the Canadian Auto Workers' unit at Electro-Motive. "Nobody takes material out of a plant pri-

or to negotiations."

Workers know the locomotive was pulled from the plant before a Jan. 1 lock-out because of a number printed on its side, Scott said. He and others spent a good portion of Wednesday blocking the engine's path to a plant in Salford, just outside of Ingersoll.

Once there, the locomotive is due to be finished and painted — work that would have been done in London if workers weren't walking on a picket line, union representatives said.

The stoppage started about 7 a.m. with CAW Local 88, which represents workers at Ingersoll's CAMI

In a nutshell

- Electro-Motive employees were locked out Jan. 1, the day after their contract expired.
- About a week earlier, workers had rejected a contract offer. The offer, they've said, included deep wage cuts and other concessions.

Automotive, taking the lead. By about 1 p.m., about 100 people were standing guard at the train tracks. The blockade cleared shortly after that when provincial police stepped in and negotiated with the work-

ers.

Dan Borthwick, Local 88's president, said he received "friendly information" early Wednesday that the locomotive — which most recently stopped in Stratford — was in town.

He didn't hesitate to take action.

"This is all about workers sticking together, whether it's unionized or (nonunion)," Borthwick said. "Workers have to stick together in this climate where employers ... think they can (make big profits) and then expect employees to take ... wage cuts."

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Health service cuts looming: Minister

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO/FILER



► Deb Matthews

Ontario will reduce the number of health services covered by medicare as the Liberal government looks to cut costs and trim a \$16-billion deficit.

Health Minister Deb Matthews says the government is reviewing all health services to see if evidence

shows they improve patient outcomes, and if not, they could be delisted from OHIP.

Matthews also says research shows geographic differences in how often some procedures are performed, with Ontario having a much higher

incidence of caesarean sections than other jurisdictions. She says the review will sometimes lead to delisting a procedure, but could also lead to new services being covered.

Matthews will outline a plan next week.

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Privacy commish questions actual online anonymity

- ▶ Ann Cavoukian says new tools have changed things
- ▶ Asks people to consider information they're sharing

Ontario's privacy commissioner says people's perceptions of their privacy and anonymity online fall far short of reality.

Ann Cavoukian says seemingly unrelated pieces of information that people share about themselves online may now be linked together to create a detailed profile.

Cavoukian says new analytic tools and algorithms now make it possible to combine information from multiple sources.

This allows the creation of an accurate profile of a person and their online

"Imagine a scenario where your 'anonymous' comments on a newspaper website or in an online chat forum, could be tracked back to you personally."

ONTARIO'S PRIVACY COMMISSIONER
ANN CAVOUKIAN

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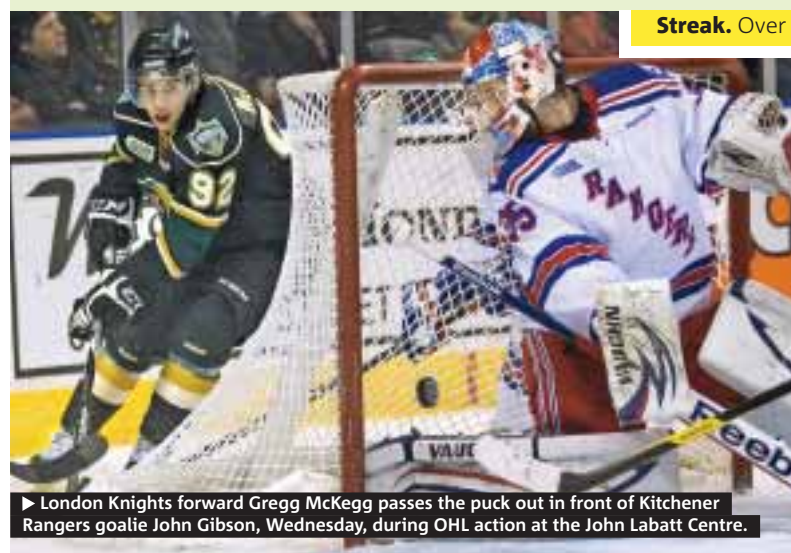
She warns people to consider the nature of the information they share,

and how their personal information might be used.

Cavoukian is also urging organizations that collect and use this data to offer a clear, easy-to-use mechanism to opt out of the collection and use of personal information.

"We have reached a point where information — not only strongly identifiable Social Insurance Numbers, but also IP addresses, licence plate numbers, and mobile devices — serve as pointers to personally identifiable information," Cavoukian said.

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Streak. Over

▶ London Knights forward Gregg McKeeg passes the puck out in front of Kitchener Rangers goalie John Gibson, Wednesday, during OHL action at the John Labatt Centre.

MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

Rival Rangers hammer the Knights

Gibson — a second-round draft pick of the Anaheim Ducks — made 45 saves as the visiting Rangers ended the Knights' five-game winning streak with an 8-3 throttling. Seth Griffith, with two, and Bo Horvat scored for London, which entered the game as the top-ranked team in the country. Tobias Rieder, Brandon Lesway and Radek Faksa all had a pair of goals for the visitors, while Ryan Murphy and Michael Catenacci chipped in with singles. Michael Houser started the game in net for the Knights, but was replaced by Tyson Teichmann after surrendering five goals on 25 shots.

HOT IN A COLD SNAP



LONDON
STYLE

SARAH FRANCIS
METRO LONDON

The winter weather has finally arrived, and with it, a plethora of puffy-coated marshmallow people shuffling through the streets of London.

We often go into hiding once the cold weather hits; we stuff our heads into too-tight toques and cocoon ourselves into shapeless parkas, while waving panicked greetings with our enormous mittens. It makes total sense: Function trumps fashion when we just want to make it home alive.

Yet, there are ways of making your outerwear ensemble fit for public consumption, without forfeiting a degree of coziness. Here's how to make a few easy wardrobe changes to look totally fly while the snow's flying:

Be a Michelin Man no more

Trade up baggy bottoms for sleek skinny jeans or leggings. They'll help bal-

ance your proportions and tuck easily into your boots. Try: American Apparel, Fisher & Company (tax-free) jean event on until Jan. 31.

Give yourself a hand Leave your ski mitts at Boler and opt instead for long, ladylike gloves. You'll have full use of your digits

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▶ Faux-fur extras like these accessories add instant chic to your winter shuffle.



and won't look like you're wearing oven mitts. A faux fur-trimmed scarf, trapper hat or pair of gloves are cosy & chic. Try: The Bay, Joe Fresh.

Add colour to your depressing duds

It's incredible how a

colourful scarf or hat can instantly brighten up an all-black ensemble. Pick one in your favourite colour to keep you cosy and refresh a tired old coat. Try: Old Navy, Gap.

Turn a blind eye to a white-out

Shield your eyes from the snow's bright glare (and instantly look like you care) with a fun pair of shades. Try: Archies, Aldo Accessories.

Boot up

To instantly liven up an old pair of snow-kickers, switch up your old laces for a pair of red ones. Or, buy some fun, printed boot socks to add a layer of warmth and colour to your leggings. Try: Leslie's, H&M.

Rock the snow belt

A belt adds shape to shapeless topper. If your coat already comes belted, replace the fabric version with a croc-embossed or leopard print skinny belt. Try: Winners.

Sarah Francis is the style maven behind reallife-runway.com. She also reports on the latest trends for White Oaks Mall, iVillage.ca and CityLine.

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Wonderland at Oxford rated most dangerous intersection in 2011

► Highbury Avenue at Huron Street had greatest improvement, dropping to 20th spot from eighth last year

You might want to check your rearview mirror twice the next time you're at the intersection of Wonderland Road and Oxford Street.

London police say there were 47 collisions there last year — more than any other intersection in the city. There was an increase of 12 collisions at that intersection over 2010.

Last year's No. 1, Highbury Avenue and Oxford, was second. It was the winner in 2010 when 64 collisions were reported there.

Wellington and Commissioners Road ranked third,

while Exeter Road at Wellington, and Adelaide Street at Oxford rounded out the top five.

The greatest changes saw the arrival of Hamilton Road at Highbury at seventh last year after not making the 2010 list, Richmond Street and Fanshawe Park Road moving to ninth from 18th, and Sarnia and Western roads making the list at 13th.

The top 20 high-collision intersections were tallied and police said there were no fatal crashes at any of them. **AM980/AM980.CA**

Top 5 hot spots

Highest-collision intersections in London in 2011:

- 1 Wonderland at Oxford:** 47 (35 in 2010, ranked 9th)
- 2 Highbury at Oxford:** 44 (64 in 2010, ranked 1st)
- 3 Wellington at Commissioners:** 40 (46 in 2010, ranked 4th)
- 4 Exeter at Wellington:** 38 (37 in 2010, ranked 6th)
- 5 Adelaide at Oxford:** 36 (47 in 2010, ranked 2nd)

Source: London Police Service



Mind. The gap

► A worker takes a backhoe to York Street between Talbot and Ridout streets on Wednesday morning after a sinkhole was discovered over the weekend.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Digging in to get back on the level

Work on fixing a sinkhole started Tuesday with York Street expected to reopen sometime Thursday afternoon, said Bill Watson, the city's sewer manager.

Say so

► Cast your vote at cipicu.ca/greatplaces

Neighbourhood needs your vote

Think London's Woodfield neighbourhood is great? The area between Richmond, Dundas and Adelaide and the railway tracks

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Son 'stupid' but not killer: Lawyer

FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

► Defence pleads with jury to end Shafia family's 'Kafkaesque' ordeal

A young man accused of killing his three sisters and the first of his father's two wives is only guilty of being "stupid" and "morally blameworthy," but neither he nor his co-accused parents deserve to be in this "Kafkaesque" scenario, court heard Wednesday.

Hamed Shafia, 21, and his parents Mohammad Shafia, 58, and Tooba Yahya, 42, are on trial for four counts each of first-degree murder, accused by the Crown of killing their four female relatives in a so-called honour killing. They have pleaded not guilty.

Four months after the family's July 22, 2009 arrests, Hamed told a private investigator he was there when the car went in the canal. He said he had followed them from the motel

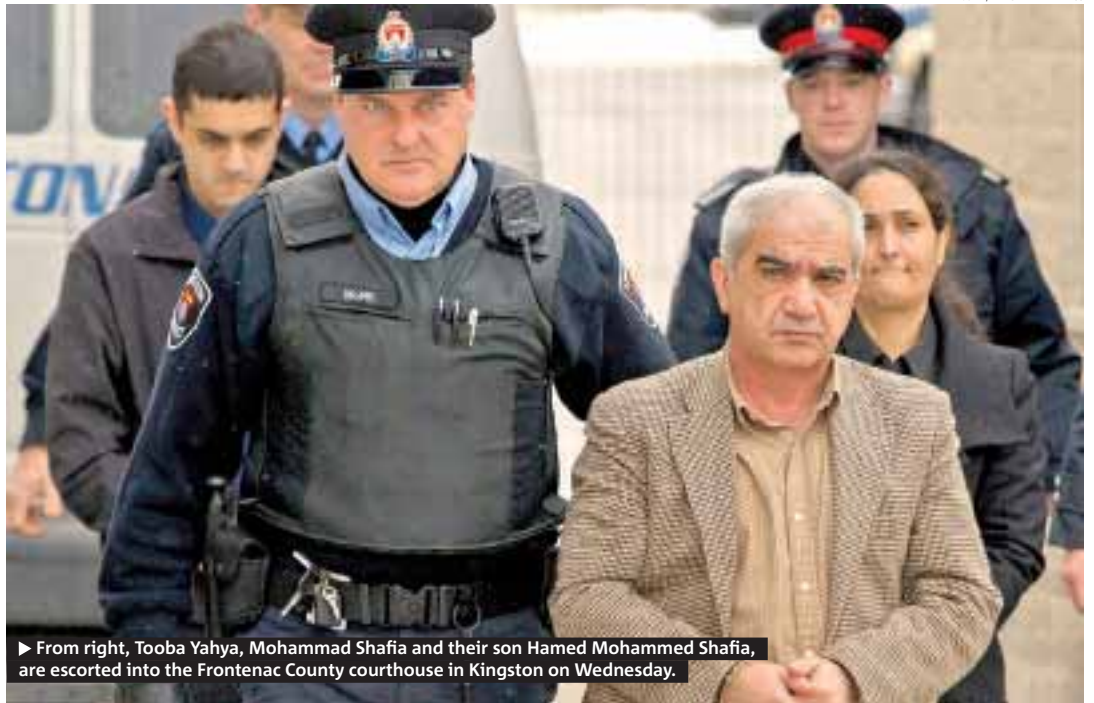
Crime scene

- The Crown alleges the girls and their mother were dead, or at least incapacitated, before they went into the canal.
- Hamed Shafia's lawyer Patrick McCann, as well as the lawyers for his parents who addressed the jury Tuesday, scoffed at that notion. "How would it be done?" McCann said. "Just the practicality of doing it, it's implausible."

as a concerned brother.

He rear-ended them near the scene, he said, and while he was picking up pieces of headlight he heard a splash and ran to the edge of the canal.

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► From right, Tooba Yahya, Mohammad Shafia and their son Hamed Mohammed Shafia, are escorted into the Frontenac County courthouse in Kingston on Wednesday.

Cat in cockpit delays flight 4 hours

PHILIP CROUCHER
IN HALIFAX

Forget about snakes on a plane. A pesky feline left airport officials in Halifax scratching their heads Wednesday.

An Air Canada flight to Toronto from Halifax scheduled to depart at 5:30 a.m. was delayed for more than four hours after a cat escaped from its owner's carrier prior to takeoff, then made itself comfortable inside the cockpit by squeezing inside some panels near wiring.

"We'll see a movie come out of this one," joked Halifax Stanfield International Airport spokesman Peter Spurway.

With the cat refusing to come out, Spurway said the decision was made by Air

"It's a first for me and I haven't run into anybody yet who has heard of this before."

HALIFAX STANFIELD
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
SPOKESMAN PETER SPURWAY

Canada to stop boarding the flight and passengers on the plane had to go back into the waiting area. Maintenance workers then came on scene to remove panels and disassemble part of the cockpit before the cat was retrieved, unharmed.

"They (then) checked all the wiring where the cat had been to make sure there was no damage and (it was) connected properly," Spurway said. The flight left at about 10 a.m.



► Ripples, the cat who escaped from a crate onboard an Air Canada flight to Toronto from Halifax.

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Budget to reflect aboriginal priorities

The coming budget will be consistent with the priorities agreed to by aboriginal leaders and the federal government, Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Duncan

said Wednesday.

A pledge was made during talks this week to move forward with recommendations on education reform. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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► Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg shows the website's new Timeline feature in San Francisco last September.

Facebook moves to Timeline

► New apps will make it easy to share interests from other sites ► But the feature also aims to keep online users on the social network itself

Facebook will switch all 800-million users to its new profile format Timeline over the next few weeks, it announced in a blog post Tuesday.

Users could opt-in to the Timeline when Facebook began its rollout in December, but the rush to convert everyone has come after the social net-

work announced 60 Timeline apps last week.

The mandatory profile-page makeover will display a user's entire history on the website in

chronological order, making photos, posts and events from the past accessible with only a couple of clicks.

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Google's data plans draw criticism



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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

Google's announcement it will merge people's data across its websites into one profile has sparked a huge debate that the web giant could be breaching users' privacy.

Under plans to come in force on March 1, a person's search results across all Google products, including search, Gmail, Google+ and YouTube, will be collected into one single database, which the company could use for its targeted advertising. For example, if you watched a YouTube video clip of Manchester United, adverts for Man United soccer tickets could appear in your Gmail or Google+ account.

But critics see this new policy as very worrying, suggesting for example a person's confidential details on health and lifestyle could be saved in Google's bank of data and

used across its websites.

"There is no way anyone expected this," Jeffrey Chester, executive director of privacy advocacy group the Centre for Digital Democracy, told the Washington Post. "There is no way a user can comprehend the implication of Google collecting across platforms for information about your health, political opinions and financial concerns."

Google claims that the new privacy policy will give the company a better idea of what users are interested to know when they search online.

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Rogers to respond to throttling complaints

Rogers Communications is studying tests by the CRTC that indicate it has been slowing some Internet traffic in violation of rules governing the practice.

Rogers spokeswoman Patricia Trott said Wednesday the telecom company doesn't believe it has broken any rules.

Trott said Rogers will respond to the allegation by a Feb. 3 deadline set by the federal regulator.

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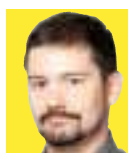
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AGREE TO DISAGREE WITH A HOCKEY HERO

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
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As a Boston Bruins fan this might just be the Stanley Cup champagne talking, but it's possible I'm the only left-leaning person who's OK with goaltender Tim Thomas showing he also likes to play right wing. In case you're exhibiting concussion-like symptoms and don't know what I'm talking about: The Boston Bruins were invited to the White House this week, but their MVP Thomas decided to stay away and have a Tea Party instead.

In a statement that showed he likes capitalization more than the Capitol, he said that the U.S. government had "grown out of control" and that he had made his decision "as an INDIVIDUAL."

The media's reaction? Well, you think the Gadhafis were harshly criticized ...

To be fair, Thomas' statement was vague, which left it open to interpretation. A reader might guess that he doesn't recognize the divine provenance of the Los Angeles Kings, believes it's his right to defend his crease with a gun, and thinks that Mario Lemieux is the best Freedom-Canadian player ever.

Here's what some media members actually said: He should turn in his U.S. medal from the Olympics. He hates the troops. And he may be a racist. All this while most were mocking his views as extreme.

The only people who seemed to support him were right-wingers who were happy to pile onto Obama.

It's an interesting thing to discover that one of your heroes is your political opposite. It's a bit like discovering that Stephen Hawking has a Confederate flag in his bedroom or Rowlf the Dog is a Scientologist. You admire them for reasons totally beyond what their politics are, and you're not sure how to process it when given the new information.

Fortunately for me, I'm a militant free-speech guy (and God knows I've got enough friends who are part of the flu-shots-kill-but-bin-Laden's-alive extreme left.)

I've got a good head start with cognitive dissonance, because I have two other heroes whom I disagree with on just about everything but who are good at what they do and live their lives with integrity. I call them "Mom" and "Dad."

So I don't care that Thomas took his stance and I would argue over a beer, rather than commiserate. In the sports realm, he's a thoughtful, polite and intelligent interview, and on the ice he's already proven he's one of the best players in the world.

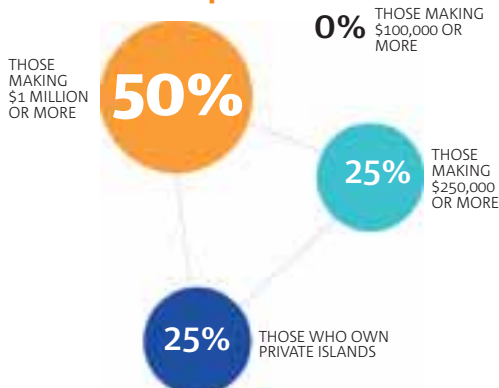
Thomas has done his bit for king and country. So to speak.

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Who is the one per cent?



Local tweets



►@k_smith: Dear #ldnont, I'm ready for another stellar

weekend and I know @AlyssandroF agrees #humpday

►@bjenkin27: I'm pretty sure at this time in the morning they should all be in service... all of them. Figure it out #LTC we have places to be! #LdnOnt

►@wvrent: 2 EMS vehicles stopped by train at colbourne and Waterloo. Lights on. THIS is why we need an Adelaide St underpass. #LdnOnt

►@hoogathy: I see the need

to renovate downtown #ldnont, but why start w Market Lane? Why not the general Dundas-Richmond area? Why excessive lighting?

►@NIKOSaaK: Professor says: "Don't take yourself off the map, that's just poor networking skills. Twitter helps." Great advice! #UWO #Profs #Wednesday

►@scorchy: advertising: the only class I'm okay with at this hour of the am. at least it's not excel! #bmk #fanshawe

►@NehaC: mission: wake up to send early morning emails. reality: #uwo web-mail isn't working. likely result: back to bed.

One year since the revolution

CAIRO, EGYPT. Thousands of Egyptians flocked back to Tahrir Square to mark the first anniversary of the start of the revolution that ousted authoritarian leader Hosni Mubarak. But the mood in the square was far from just celebratory amid fear that violence could erupt between protesters and the military. ● **MWN**

Military still calling the shots

TENSIONS. Why has there been more frustration than celebration? Tensions have been simmering between pro-democracy activists and the military. December saw nine dead and hundreds injured after a crackdown on antimilitary protesters. The military council has pledged to transfer power to a civilian government by July 1. ● **MWN**

Egypt today

► **Islamists coming to fore:** Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party wins last week's lower-house election.

► **Ailing Mubarak in the dock:** Ex-leader's trial on corruption and ordering deaths of protesters continues.



On high alert in Tahrir



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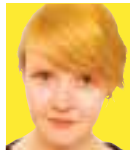
Armed conflict's impact

► Museum London's Front by Front exhibit explores how violence is effecting communities

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Anna Wieselgren's piece at Museum London consists of

more than 600 hand-sewn balls. Constructed from 12 pieces of light or dark blue fabric, the balls vary in size and are stuffed like hundreds of round pillows. They are arranged on a massive piece of birch, floating above the gallery's floor, creating a landscape of globes.

More than a thousand hours of work has gone into the piece, now on display as part of Museum London's Front by Front exhibition, featuring the work of six female Canadian artists.

The exhibition explores the impact armed conflict has on communities and how people adapt and change in those environments. This theme is considered by each artist in a variety of mediums from Barbra Hunt's army fatigue sculpture to Althea Thauberger's large-scale photographs to Ambereen Siddiqui's use of video.

Wieselgren's piece examines the impact conflict has on communities and a sense of belonging, drawing on her experience liv-



► Anna Wieselgren sits with her sculpture Exile on display now at Museum London as part of the Front by Front exhibition.

ing in India and visiting Tibetan refugee centers.

"I started hearing these stories about Tibetans crossing the mountains," Wieselgren says. "I was very taken by that situation and the stories I had heard and in particular one Tibetan young man who had escaped over the mountains named Buko ... I wanted to make a project about them."

Wieselgren started visiting the refugee centres, observing the daily lives of the children, monks and families that lived there.

"I would just go to the centre and walk through it

Concert

What else is going on?

► **Absolutely Free** Four of five members of the indie rock band DD/MM/YYYY will perform at APK Live on Saturday in their new incarnation as Absolutely Free. Tickets at \$7, music starts at 10 p.m.

and just spend time there," Wieselgren says. "I like to observe, watch, feel and then trust that the idea will come."

The London-based artist

was eventually drawn to the blue sheets that covered the mattresses at the refugee centre, some of the only furniture in the building where the refugees ate, sat and lived their lives.

She purchased new linens for the centre and began working with the old, settling on a round design for her textile sculpture.

"The idea of the balls was to make a piece of sculpture that was not static, that could roll around and not have a specific spot or place so it could reflect on that idea of exile," Wieselgren says.

"I went back to the refugee centre to show them what I had been working on, and we had a little show. It was a wonderful experience. The director of the centre was looking at it and he turned to me and said, 'Ah I really get it, it's like us. We don't have a place, we're just rolling around.' Then he gave me more sheets and asked me to make more balls and to share their story."

Museum London will host an opening reception for the exhibition Friday at 8 p.m. Front by Front runs until Mar. 18.



Garth Brooks



An Oklahoma hospital in Garth Brooks' hometown must pay \$1 million to the country singer because it failed to build a women's health centre in honour of his late mother, jurors ruled Tuesday evening.

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Katherine's 'Plum' role

► Heigl gets tough playing bounty hunter Stephanie Plum in *One for the Money*

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Playing Stephanie Plum — a lingerie saleswoman turned bounty hunter — in *One for the Money* has taught Katherine Heigl one thing: She likes to shoot stuff.

"I really enjoyed it because it was super-satisfying and cathartic on some level," she says of the gunplay she did for the film. "It was fun, I had a good time. I started wanting to go to the gun range regularly. And then I started shooting clay pigeons with [husband] Josh [Kelly]. I really like to shoot things. Who knew?"

Not that firearms are necessarily new to her, but the work on this film added a new level of reality to it for the former *Grey's Anatomy* star.

"I mean, I've been wielding guns in films since I was 15 but they're fake and there's no actual bullet in them — we hope," she says.

"So they took us to a shooting range to practice, because there are certain things you're not supposed to do — like blink when you shoot, but it's impossi-



► Katherine Heigl says *One for the Money* will appeal to men and women. "It's not all just about romance, it's not all just about comedy," she says.

ble not to blink, it's really hard — and it was really intimidating and nerve-racking the first time they put a loaded gun in your hand. Plus they've just given you a 20-minute spiel about all the dangers of this gun, so you're sort of freaking out."

But clearly she got over that.

All that shooting is

aimed at attracting a more diverse audience than your usual romantic comedy fare — especially since the movie is based on one of 17 books in the Stephanie Plum series by author Janet Evanovich.

Clearly there are hopes for a franchise.

"I think what's sort of interesting about the books is they all have a

murder-mystery tie-in, with the bounty hunting aspect of it. So it's not all just about romance, it's not all just about comedy," Heigl says.

"The murder-mystery storyline is kind of dark and a little edgy and gives it a vibe that is not purely chick-flick-ish.

"I'm really excited about it because it does ap-

peal to everyone, it isn't just a girl's movie. I think that we're working hard to advertise it so that everyone knows that it's a good time for everyone — men and women included. Tough men. Tough men will love this movie," she adds with a laugh.

Guns and tough guys aside, in the end, the one detail that Heigl and her co-producers agonized over the most was her hair.

"She's brunette. Her look is very specific in the book, and once you get attached to that idea in your head I couldn't imagine Stephanie any other way," Heigl says.

"It was disconcerting, I think, for certain fans to see me as a brunette, and then it was disconcerting for fans of the books to imagine me as Stephanie because I'm blonde.

"So I dyed it brown before we started filming, trying to get people on board. And then I ended up just wearing a wig because I don't have curly hair and Stephanie does. And then I went back to blonde while promoting the movie, so I didn't really think it through, but hopefully people will buy it."

Debbie Reynolds puts things in perspective

In *One for the Money*, Katherine Heigl got the chance to work with screen and stage legend Debbie Reynolds, who pops up as her sass-talking grandmother. Heigl says it gave her a chance to put her long work hours into perspective.

"I was sort of complaining one day about the hours — as I'm known to do — and Gary, our producer, said, 'Oh, you ought to hear Debbie's stories about her hours on *Singing in the Rain*,'" Heigl remembers.

"It was so horrifying what that woman went through to make that movie. I think she said they were working something like 20 hours a day, and she would just get a few hours of sleep on the sofa in her dressing room and then go back to work a few hours later. I thought she was exaggerating and it was sort of one of those 'When I was your age I walked to school in bare feet in 10 feet of snow.' This can't be true. And then she told me how she had to dance with bleeding feet at one point, and Gene Kelly was like, 'I guess we should stop, Debbie's feet are bleeding all over the scene.' So then I stopped complaining about my hours."

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Dealing in depravity

► Spartacus returns with more blood, sex and action

► But all that taboo stuff is just part of the time period

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Spartacus fans are gearing up for the show's return to television and with it, all the controversial blood, sex and action that has made the series so provocatively popular.

"For some reason these things are still really taboo in our society," said returning star Lucy Lawless (also known for her former hit series *Xena: Warrior Princess*). "(It gives) a curiosity factor to us which I don't mind."

Producers have insisted



► Lucy Lawless

that depravity isn't just the cornerstone of the show's success. It's also indicative of the immorality of the Roman period in which *Spartacus: Vengeance* is set

and that historical detail intrigues viewers. "We try and keep things really real because we're doing outrageous stuff," said Lawless.

It's not just the carnality of *Spartacus: Vengeance* that will have viewers curiously tuned to the show's premiere this Sunday on The Movie Network however.

After original lead actor Andy Whitfield sadly developed cancer, he gave the producers permission to give the role of Spartacus to newcomer Liam McIntyre after auditioning thousands of actors.



Lawless on

Liam McIntyre

► "He was so emaciated from doing another role but they kept seeing people and came back to him in the end so he really had to have a lot of heart, he's got the heart of a lion that boy."

Did Demi suffer seizure?

► Embattled star enters rehab ► Report claims she's being treated for anorexia

THE WORD

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Demi Moore has entered rehab after being rushed to the hospital Monday night for an alleged prescription pill overdose, according to TMZ.

Despite a frantic 911 call and an ambulance dispatched to Moore's home, the actress' reps insist Moore's trip to rehab is for "exhaustion" and nothing more.

"Because of the stresses in her life right now, Demi has chosen to seek professional assistance to treat her exhaustion and improve her overall health," her reps say in a statement.

"She looks forward to getting well and is grateful for the support of her family and friends."

Radar Online reports that actually, Moore had a seizure before she was rushed to the hospital and is now being treated "for anorexia, as well as other issues," a source told the site.

Meanwhile, on the same night she had her breakdown, her estranged husband, Ashton Kutcher, was seen partying with a bevy of beauties at a Bruno Mars concert in Brazil.

It's interesting, isn't it? We spend a lot of time (and editorial space) idolizing these celebrities. We're green-eyed about their wealth, beauty and success.

But whoa — when they crash, they really, really crash. We might not be as thin or as rich, but we normals seem to be able to handle life's problems with a bit more ease.

And really, Demi. Don't let someone as dumb as Ashton Kutcher bring you down. You can — and will — do better.



► Demi Moore

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Celebrity tweets



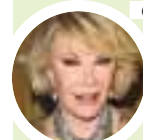
For my 2000th tweet, I give you my favourite ever quote from a "fan" "I used to love Ricky Gervais, but he ruined Extras for me" Amazing.



@rickygervais

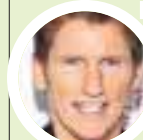
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I'm addicted to kale!! wash, break into small pieces, sprinkle a little salt and roast, it's so good and amazing for u!!!



@Joan_Rivers

Cooper's 10 year-old friend Russell tries to do stand-up comedy so I do what any loving, supportive Grandma would do: I heckle the kid.



@denisleary

Man marries dead girlfriend. I give it 3 weeks before she says "you seem so distant."

Valentine's day wedding bells?

Britney Spears and fiancé Jason Trawick are reportedly planning to get married on Valentine's Day in Maui, according to Hollyscoop.

And just in time for her to tie the knot, Spears' dad is reportedly ready to end his conservatorship, which leaves him in control of decisions affecting her personal and professional life.

"Jamie wants to go to court in early February so Britney will be a free woman in every sense when she marries," a source says, though some predict that the conservatorship will remain in effect for her business affairs.

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Britney Spears



► Seal and Heidi

Behind Heidi Klum's decision

Heidi Klum's decision to separate from husband Seal was apparently motivated by wanting to escape his "diva" behavior, according to Hollyscoop.

"Heidi's first priority has always been her marriage, but she felt like Seal wasn't meeting her halfway," a source says.

"She had to take drastic measures to show Seal she wouldn't put up with his behaviour anymore. Raising happy and healthy kids is now her No. 1 priority."

The source adds that

divorce might not actually be inevitable at this point.

"I could see Heidi threatening Seal with a divorce because he thought she would never do such a thing," the source says.

"This may push Seal to finally get the help he needs to deal with his temper in a more constructive manner."

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Trend of the week



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Winter whites

We've not only been spotting white jeans on the streets of London and New York but on many an editor during the men's runway shows in Milan this past month. They work best when paired with cool blues, neutrals and burgundies as expertly styled above.

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Toronto-based Wesley Badanjak named new designer for Basch label



Las Vegas: Lingerie model or call girl?



Russia: Models as acrobats...



...and little Russian hip hop dancers.



Stockholm: Sheer simplicity



Brazil: Runway finale beauty

Worldwide fashion weeks

- On any given day, somewhere in the world, a fashion week is likely taking place
- We look some of the weird, random and genuinely cool ones



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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

The month of runway shows in the big four fashion capitals are just a week away. But New York, London, Milan and Paris are hardly the only cities to put their local talent on show. With each year, the calendar of global fashion weeks seems to multiply with a runway show taking place for every scene you could possibly imagine. Because even dogs deserve a chance to strike a pose.

THE WACKY

New York Pet Fashion Week

Manhattan is a city filled with doggie spas, so it's sadly not surprising that it would be home to a fashion week devoted to fashionable four-legged Prada lovers. It's a reality televi-

sion series waiting to happen with painfully pruned pooches in bows, crash helmets, sunglasses, floral skirts and even full tuxedos — probably cursing their owners as they trot down the runway.

China Fashion Week

The dramatic effects such as smoke and lighting displays are worthy of a Broadway musical. The costumes range from traditional-inspired robes to sci-fi-style looks of Lady Gaga proportions. We mean a birdcage on a model's head.

CRAZY

Colombia Moda Para El Mundo

This one is the trashy sister fashion week of Colombia Moda. That means plenty of silicon boob implants, bootylicious bums and bursting bee-stung lips. Did we mention that the most

recent Columbia Moda Para El Mundo even saw a pile of fake cocaine on the runway?

Las Vegas Lingerie Show

It's a mesmerizing watch for all the wrong reasons. The one-day runway show falls somewhere between an X Factor girl band audition and an aggressive striptease to the beats of an '80s power ballad. In brief, it's awful.

Russian Fashion week

Considering that the country is known for the export of vodka, oil oligarchs and fur-clad brides, it would be a mistake to expect Russia to have a low-key week of fashion. Take the designer YanaStasia, who turned the runway into a playground for gymnastics, a mock marriage proposal and dancing kids. See?

LEGITIMATELY COOL

Stockholm and Copenhagen Fashion Weeks

The Scandinavian brands seem to have a knack for simplicity. The obvious examples are Acne and Cheap Monday. But there's also a crop of new designers such as Odd Molly and Dagmar, showing that there's more to Swedish fashion than just denim. Across the border in Denmark, Anne Sofie Madsen, who worked with creative geniuses John Galiano and Alexander McQueen, is proving to be a real trailblazer.

Istanbul Fashion Week

With its rich history and traditions, it's not surprising that Istanbul Fashion Week is showing its might. Two such names are Atil Kutoglu, who can name-

drop Naomi Campbell as a client, and Arzu Kaprol, who has already debuted a collection in Paris. With its heritage meets European aesthetic and burgeoning economy, Turkey has the potential to become a fashion empire.

Fashion Rio

The city's beginning to show that there's more to Rio than beautiful people and beaches, although it sounds like a good starting point to us. Last season saw top model Isabeli Fontana, transsexual Lea T and American It girl Olivia Palermo all take to the runway. Famed for girls flaunting their flawless bikini bods, this fashion week is now moving toward a more grown-up, sportswear aesthetic. Look to labels like Filhas de Gaia and Agatha for proof that the week deserves international attention.



The daughter of campaigns

The saying, "It's not what you know but who you know," couldn't ring more true for the daughters of Cindy Crawford, Annie Lennox, Andrea Dellal and Yasmin le Bon. Crawford's 10-year-old Kaia Gerber has just land-

ed the campaign for Young Versace, Tali Lennox fronts British brand Karen Millen (less bragging rights), Alice Dellal bags Chanel and Marc by Marc Jacobs — not a bad season's work — and Amber le Bon

models for Vanessa G's spring/summer line. Yes, it affirms that life's not fair but the hierarchical fashion world works a little like monarchy — you need to prove your bloodline.

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Tips for tiling a cool kitchen backsplash

It's always more fun to throw half-cooked spaghetti at shiny new tiles

DIY IDEAS

If your kitchen needs an update but you don't have the time or money to spend on a complete renovation, brighten it up with a backsplash. Not only will it add texture and colour, but it will help protect the walls from water, food and grease damage.

In every episode of Kitchen Impossible, host Marc Bartolomeo helps homeowners turn their kitchen makeover fantasies into realities.

Here's a few tips on how to tile your kitchen backsplash.

Surface preparation

Be sure that the drywall is secure. Fill any nicks or low spots by patching with drywall compound and sand to level.

Wipe the wall to ensure that the surface is free of dust, oil and residue. This guarantees a strong adhe-

sive bond between the wall and tile.

Determine where to start

Measure the installation site to determine how many tiles you will need to purchase, as well as to locate the best place to start tiling.

It is best to hide cuts in corners and under cabinets, leaving the full tiles in areas that will draw the most attention.

Apply mortar

Begin spreading the glue or mortar with the flat side of a trowel to ensure good adhesion. Using the notched side of the trowel, go over the glue to remove any excess.

The size of the notches will be determined by the thickness of the tile, so be sure to check the manufacturer's recommendations.

Install tiles

Begin installing the first tile or sheet by working

off the countertop surface. This will ensure the installation is level because the countertops would have been leveled when installed.

Place tiles in position as close as possible to avoid sliding tiles into place in the mortar.

Tap each tile once with a rubber mallet to ensure

they have adhered properly to the mortar.

Make cuts

A dry cutter, wet saw or tile nippers may be used to fit around electrical boxes, cabinets, etc.

Tile saws can be rented

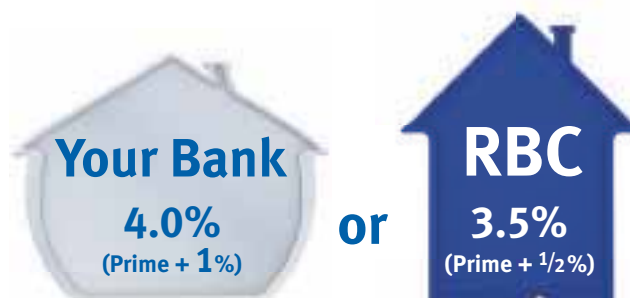
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Cookies, bars and squares are ultimate comfort foods. With that idea in mind, Jill Snider created her Bake Something Great! cookbook (Robert Rose, 2011). It boasts 400 recipes for goodies such as Frosted Carrot Nut Bars, Cinnamon Raspberry Stacks, Rum Balls and Key Lime Coconut Macaroons.

Both novices and experienced bakers will find Bake Something Great! easy to use thanks to its directions complete with tips and variations. It is split into chapters that include Chocolate Bars and Squares, Drop Cookies, Shortbread, Shaped Cookies and Biscotti and more.

Bars you'll want to get behind

► These yummy Apple Bars are a tasty alternative to pre-packaged, store-bought ones

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Looking for a yummy dessert or addition to your kids' lunch bag to serve during these cold months?

Apples are a great way to go. This apple-based bar has the texture of a chewy brownie and goes well with a scoop of your favourite ice cream or yogurt for an extra special treat.

Preparation:

1 Topping: Peel, core and slice the apples about 1.25 cm (1/2-inch) thick. In a bowl, mix the sugar with cinnamon; add apples and toss to coat evenly. Set aside.

2 Cake: In a large bowl and using electric mixer, beat the butter with sugar for about 1 minute. Beat in the eggs and vanilla until smooth.

3 In another bowl, whisk together the flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda and salt; slowly beat into the

Apple Bars



► This recipe makes 12 bars.

butter mixture at medium speed until well blended. Spread in greased 2.5 l (9-inch) square cake pan.

4 Drain any juices from apples that might have accumulated. Arrange the apples on top in four rows, slightly

pressing into batter. Bake the mixture in a 180 C (350 F) oven for about 40 minutes or until cake tester comes out clean. Let pan cool on rack.

5 Icing: In a bowl, stir the icing sugar, milk and vanilla until smooth;

thin with additional milk if needed. Drizzle over cake.

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Ingredients:

Apple Topping

- 2 large apples (such as Empire, McIntosh or Cortland)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) granulated sugar
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cinnamon

Cake

- 75 ml (1/3 cup) butter, softened
- 250 ml (1 cup) packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) all-purpose flour
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) ground cinnamon
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) baking powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) baking soda
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt

Icing (optional)

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) icing sugar, sifted
- 10 to 15 ml (2 to 3 tsp) 2% milk or 5% light cream
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) vanilla

► Sweet mingles with salty in delicious breakfast bars ► They're packed with flax seeds, almonds and more

Not only are these bars a healthy treat with the flavourful taste of almond butter and the crunch of

whole almonds, but they're also an upper-body workout. Just like your morning routine, these bars are

quick and easy to throw together, and take a bit of muscle power to pack tightly into shape.

Preparation:

1 Lightly coat a 9"x13" baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. In a large mixing bowl, gently toss the oats, rice, flax seeds, and almonds to combine.

2 In saucepan, combine the fine sea salt, sugars, oils, honey, and almond butter. Bring to a simmer over medium-high, whisking any lumps of almond butter smooth, and cook for 2-3 minutes. Slowly pour mixture over dry ingredients while stirring; continue to stir until all of the ingredients are evenly coated.

3 Transfer entire mix to prepared pan and firmly press into pan while still



► This recipe makes 16 bars.

warm, taking care to evenly distribute whole almonds. Once pressed, sprinkle with 3 pinches of coarse sea salt and press perfectly flat (using a flat-sided meat tenderizer can be helpful, but not necessary). Let cool to room temperature.

4 Using a ruler, measure and score the bars in half

lengthwise to approximately 4 1/2" in length, and 1 1/2" crosswise to make 16 bars; cut bars following scored lines. Trim edges if desired. Store in an airtight container up to one week. **NEWS CANADA/CREATED BY PASTRY CHEF JENNY MCCOY, OF CRAFT IN NEW YORK CITY, FOR ALMOND BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**

Ingredients:

- 3 cups (750 mL) rolled oats
- 4 cups (1 L) puffed rice (brown rice recommended)
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) flax seeds

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) whole natural almonds
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) fine sea salt
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) light brown sugar
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) maple sugar
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) almond

- oil
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) canola oil
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) plus 2 tbsp (30 mL) honey
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) almond butter
- Coarse sea salt

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And then there were four

► Djokovic, Murray advance to join Nadal and Federer in Australian Open semifinals

Appearing uncomfortable for much of the match, defending champion Novak Djokovic held on to beat David Ferrer 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-1 and complete a blockbuster semifinal lineup at the Australian Open.

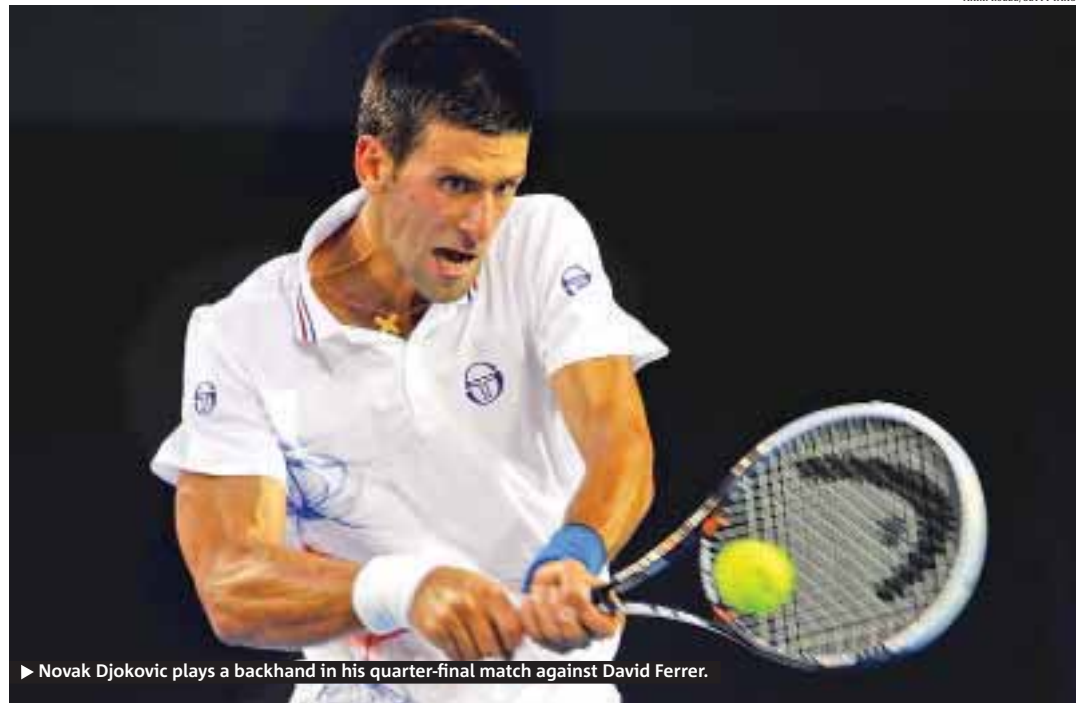
He leads the top four men in tennis into the semis at Melbourne Park — Djokovic against No. 4 Andy Murray, who won his quarter-final match earlier Wednesday 6-3, 6-3, 6-1 over Kei Nishikori of Japan.

On Thursday, No. 2 Rafael Nadal plays No. 3 Roger Federer, the first time the two former top-ranked stars have met in a semifinal since the 2005 French Open.

It marks only the third time that the top four seeds have advanced to the semis at the Australian Open — previously it was in 1988 and 2005. It was also the 14th time at all Grand Slams since the Open Era began in 1968, but it has happened in three of the last four — after the U.S. Open and French Open last year.

Djokovic rubbed the back of his upper left leg on several occasions, looked on the verge of being physically sick in the second set and buried his head in towels several times during breaks. Late in the third set, a tired-looking Djokovic sat down on a linesman's chair during a line-call video challenge by Ferrer.

"I was lucky to get out of



► Novak Djokovic plays a backhand in his quarter-final match against David Ferrer.

the second set, it was a big mental advantage to get two sets up," Djokovic said.

An hour after the match, Djokovic further played down the possibility of any injuries, saying: "I don't have any physical issues."

"I feel very fit and I feel mentally, as well, very fresh," he told his post-match news conference. "It's just today I found it very difficult after a long time to breathe because I felt the whole day my nose was closed a little bit. I just wasn't able to get enough

Doubles

In men's doubles action, Toronto's Daniel Nestor and Belarusian partner Max Mirnyi reached the semifinals, defeating Santiago Gonzalez of Mexico and German Christopher Kas 6-1, 6-7 (4-7), 6-2.

oxygen."

Ferrer said he couldn't be sure if Djokovic was healthy — or not.

"You have to ask to him," Ferrer said, "he ran

perfect all the match. Nothing special."

The Nadal-Federer semifinal matchup has been rarely possible because the pair held the top two spots for most of the time between 2005 and 2010, meaning they could only meet in the finals after being placed in opposite sides of the draw.

Djokovic said he'd be watching the Nadal and Federer match like any tennis fan.

"I will enjoy it from my couch. They're two out of

four or five of the greatest players to play this game, they've been so dominant," Djokovic said. "Every time they play it's a treat. I'm going to have a nice dinner at home and watch them."

Murray, for his part, is also surprised to not be facing Nadal in the semifinals.

"It has been amazing, I pretty much drew to be in Nadal's half ... almost every Slam," Murray said. "I can't remember the last time I wasn't in his half of the draw. It's been a long time."

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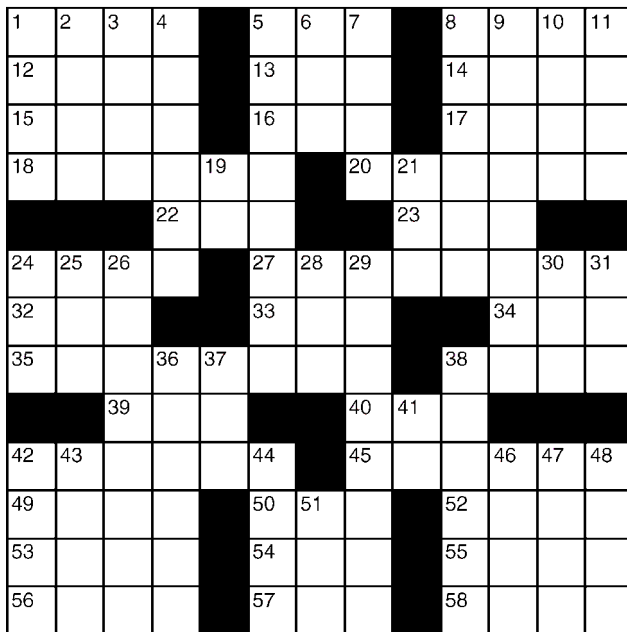
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5 Fool
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12 Appellation
13 Hockey legend Bobby
14 Blunder
15 Stonestreet of "Modern Family"
16 Keanu's "Matrix" role
17 One
18 Bounded
20 Jimmy Carter's Georgia home
22 Angry group
23 Hostel
24 React in horror
27 Loads, as software
32 Id counterpart
33 Old Olds
34 Fine, to NASA
35 Herring's cousin
38 Go back and forth
39 Fireworks response
40 Go blue?
42 French brandy
45 Fireplace area
49 Shrek is one
50 Mimic
52 Will be (Sp.)
53 Dispatch
54 Mainlander's memento
55 Not procrastinating
56 Fixes a skirt
57 Felon's flight
58 Iditarod terminus
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1 Change for a five



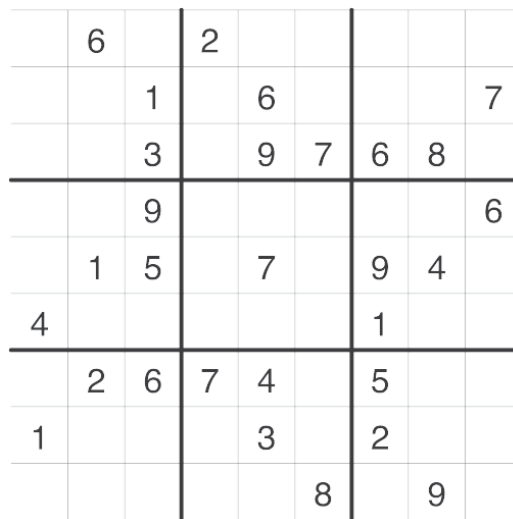
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3 Eastern potentate
4 Leave suddenly
5 Sparrow or skylark
6 Exist
7 Item on stage
8 Tropical lizard
9 New family member
10 Pork cut
11 Salamanders
19 "Forget it!"
21 Torched
24 Jewel
25 Census statistic
26 Ultrasound image
28 Born
29 Author of "Finishing the Hat"
30 Mauna —
31 The air up there
36 Sweethearts
37 "Caught ya!"
38 Spring, for one
41 "As — sow ..."
42 Brit's blackjack
43 Lecher's look
44 Be an umpire
46 Gambling mecca
47 Decorate
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51 Shell game

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► Yesterday's answer



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► Yesterday's answer

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friend
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WHEN TO STARR

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Don't get involved in a feud unless you know you can win it.
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Some situations change so fast that there is really no point in trying to direct events. Back off.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Someone in a position of power will try to persuade you that a certain course of action is in your best interests. You know it isn't true.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Today, you must ignore all of the exciting events happening in your world and focus on getting your money situation in better shape.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23
Someone seems to disagree with just about everything you say and do. Pretend he or she doesn't exist.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Take care that you don't fall out with someone in a position of authority today. It's good politics.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Libras are tougher than they sometimes look and anyone who doubts that will learn today just how resolute and committed you can be.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
For best results today, focus your energy on something creative that you can do on your own.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Partners will follow your lead today, but only if you persuade them it is in their best interests.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You will be in a charitable mood over the next 24 hours but watch out you don't give too much away.
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Go with the flow today and don't worry that you can't yet see your final destination. It'll be great.
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Deep questions seem to be taking up a lot of your time, and that's good. They're the questions that really matter. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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